

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Provided on an inner periphery portion of the magnetic disk 1 is a phasing area 70, which is composed of a transfer clock pattern recorded by magnetic transfer and a clock pattern (which is hereinafter referred to as a write-once clock pattern) recorded by a recording head. Detailed description thereof will be described later. It should be understood that the arrangement position of the phasing area 70 is not limited to the inner periphery portion of the magnetic disk 1. Although the phasing area is preferably arranged in an inner periphery portion of a magnetic ~~disk~~disk 1 of a CSS (Contact Start Stop) type, or in an outer periphery portion of a magnetic disk 1 of a load/unload type, other arrangement may be employed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, the magnetic ~~disk~~disk device synchronizes the recording head 19 with the transfer clock, i.e. with the SP, and rewrites the R/W recovery and the GCD other than the SP as fine patterns by the recording head 19 successively from the sector 0 of the disk. By recording R/W recovery and the GCD in all sectors around the disk and similarly recording the R/W recovery and the GCD with the recording head 19 shifted in a radial direction by a

track width, preformat information patterns can be recorded continuously in the radial direction. Preformat information patterns are recorded on the whole area of the magnetic disk 1 in such a manner, so as to create the preformat information area 50.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For example, for forming a fine R/W recovery from the MR/W recovery, the frequency is multiplied by setting the dividing ratio of the frequency divider 17 in the PLL circuit 10 large. Although this embodiment sets the frequency of the R/W recovery (period: 2T) two times the frequency of the MR/W recovery (period: 4T), the present invention is not limited to this case. In particular, it is preferable to record the R/W recovery as a fine pattern, since the R/W recovery is a pattern to be used for synchronizing the magnetic head when the magnetic ~~disk~~disk device records/reproduces information.